

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**60-DAY NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT:** Final Revised Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Availability of Draft Record of Decision for the Tonto National Forest Plan Revision. The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Southwestern Region, Tonto National Forest has prepared the final revised land management plan (LMP) and the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Tonto National Forest. The publication of this notice in the Arizona Capital Times initiates the 60-day objection period. Objections to the Tonto revised LMP or FEIS will only be accepted from individuals or entities who previously submitted timely comments, unless based on information not available during an earlier designated opportunity for public comment (i.e., new information). This is also the opportunity to object to the Regional Forester's list of species of conservation concern for the Tonto National Forest. The Tonto National Forest's LMP, FEIS, other supporting documentation, and the draft record of decision are available for review on the Tonto National Forest's plan revision webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tonto/landmanagement/planning>. An electronic scan of this notice with the publication date will also be posted to the website. The publication date of this notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors must not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source (36 CFR 219.56(b)(3)). It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the reviewing officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic objection submissions can be submitted at: <https://cara.ecosystemmanagement.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=51592>. The following address should be used for the objections submitted by regular mail: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region, ATTN: Objection Reviewing Officer, 333 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Objections can also be faxed to the objection review officer at: 505-842-3173. Address faxes to "Objection reviewing officer," include "Tonto NF plan revision objection" or "Tonto species of conservation concern objection" in the fax coversheet subject line and specify the number of pages being submitted. To submit an objection via hand delivery please contact your local district office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The decisions to approve the revised forest plan for the Tonto National Forest and the Regional Forester's species of conservation concern will be subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR 219 Subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). Only those individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to the Tonto National Forest plan revision during the opportunities provided for public comment during the planning process will be eligible to file an objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment (36 CFR 219.53(a)). An objection must include the following (36 CFR 219.54(c)): (1) The objector's name and address along with a telephone number or email address if available. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, the Forest Service will attempt to verify the identity of the objector to confirm objection eligibility; (2) signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection); (3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on the objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must also be provided if requested; (4) The name of the plan revision, or list of species of conservation concern being objected to and the name and title of the responsible official; (5) A statement of the issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies; (6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If the objector believes that the plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, an explanation should be included; (7) A statement that demonstrates the link between the objector's prior substantive comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment; (8) All documents referenced in the objection must be provided (a bibliography is not sufficient) except: a. All or any part of the Federal law or regulation, b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents, c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal subject to objection, and d. Formal comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the objector during the plan revision comment period.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** The Responsible Official who will approve the Record of Decision for the Tonto National Forest Plan Revision is Neil Bosworth, Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office. The Responsible Official for the species of conservation concern is Michiko Martin, Regional Forester. The Regional Forester is the Reviewing Officer for the revised plan and the Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.56(e)(2)). The Chief of the Forest Service is the Reviewing Officer for the species of conservation concern identification since the Regional Forester is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.56(e)(2)). All objections should be sent to the objection reviewing officer for the Southwestern Region, as indicated above. All objections are open to public inspection and will be posted to the CARA reading room for the project. For additional information concerning the final Plan and FEIS, contact: Kenna Belsky, Forest Planner, SM.FS.tontoplan@usda.gov, (602) 225-5200. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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